



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 396***

LCO No. 2650



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A FAST TRACK FOR APPRENTICESHIPS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) When used in sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, and 31-22u,  
4 "apprentice" means a person employed under a written agreement to  
5 work at and learn a specific trade; "apprentice agreement" means a  
6 written agreement entered into by an apprentice, or on his behalf by  
7 his parent or guardian, with an employer, or with an association of  
8 employers and an organization of employees acting as a joint  
9 apprenticeship committee, which agreement provides for not less than  
10 two thousand hours of work experience, a portion of which may be  
11 satisfied by prior work experience as determined by the Labor  
12 Commissioner in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, in  
13 approved trade training consistent with recognized requirements  
14 established by industry or joint labor-industry practice and for the  
15 number of hours of related and supplemental instructions prescribed  
16 by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council or which agreement

17 meets requirements of the federal government for on-the-job training  
18 schedules which are essential, in the opinion of the Labor  
19 Commissioner, for the development of manpower in Connecticut  
20 industries; "council" means the Connecticut State Apprenticeship  
21 Council.

22 (b) The Labor Commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
23 with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement procedures allowing  
24 an apprentice to satisfy a portion of the hours required under an  
25 apprenticeship agreement with prior work experience.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2016*) Not later than October 1, 2017, the  
27 Labor Commissioner shall report any legislative recommendations to  
28 implement the provisions of section 31-22m of the general statutes, as  
29 amended by this act, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
30 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
31 having cognizance of matters relating to labor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	31-22m
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Labor Commissioner to adopt a procedure that allows apprentices to satisfy a portion of the two thousand hours required under an apprenticeship agreement with prior work experience.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*